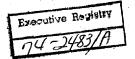


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14 AUG 1974

Vice Admiral Vincent P. de Poix Director Defense Intelligence Agency Washington, D. C. 20301

Dear Vince:

I welcome your decision to look at the options for the best possible Community-wide biographic program in this period of reduced resources. I am consequently pleased to assist in your review.

I suggest using the terms of reference outlined in the feasibility study plan developed by CIA's Central Reference Service in 1972. This plan follows the methodology of a similar study that we did with NSA about six years ago which resulted in some mutually satisfactory decisions. I understand that your Directorate of Collection and Surveillance already has a copy of this document. Our people will be ready to begin by 3 September, and your representative may contact of STAT our Central Reference Service for STAT additional details.

Again, I fully support your efforts to improve the military biographic program and conserve resources and I hope that this effort proves fruitful.

Sincerely,

/s/ Bill

W. E. Colby Director

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This reads to me as though de Poix is now willing to let CRS take over responsibility for military biographies. You will probably want to give Harry guidance before he drafts the response (Harry has not yet seen this).

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Mr. William Colby Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Bill:

As a follow-on to our conversation of 2 April 1974, my staff is reexamining the entire question of how best to resolve problems relevant to the collection and production of military biographics. I am pleased that, based on conversations between \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of your Information Services Group and my representatives from the Directorate of Collection and Surveillance, a first step has been taken to determine how we can best satisfy biographic requirements on a mutually beneficial basis.

In this regard, I would welcome your support in providing some personnel to gauge the scope and parameter of DIA's current biographic holdings -- quantitative/qualitative volume of requests for information which are now received and serviced, with a view to determining the feasibility of your previous proposal.

Once this survey is completed, we will be postured to weigh the feasibility and relative advisability of pursuing options for the best possible community-wide biographic program in this period of reduced resources to assure adequate responsiveness to our consumers.

Sincerely,

V. P. de POIX Vice Admiral, USN Director

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